Jatar Committee Report on Accidents in Oil Wells

†715. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Major General, S.C.N. Jatar on October 30, 2001 to investigate the accidents taking place in oil wells and refineries;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by Jatar Committee in its report;

(d) whether Government have considered these recommendations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (e) The Government had constituted a Committee headed by Major General (Retd.) S.C.N. Jatar to inquire into the matter after the accident of a fire at Well No. G-345, in Gandhar field of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). The Committee submitted its interim report on 30-01-2002 followed by second and third volumes of report on 29.03.2002 and fourth, fifth and sixth volumes of report on 03.06.2002. The recommendations made by the Committee, interalia, concern measures for Safety and Security on various aspects common to all onshore Assets as also specific assets of ONGC in Ankleshwar, Upper Assam, Tripura, Krishna-Godawari, Ahmedabad and Mehsana as also offshore Assets of ONGC. The Committee has also given recommendations concerning Institute of Petroleum Safety Environment & Management (IPSEM) of ONGC of Goa. Besides, the Committee has also given its recommendations about safety aspects of installations of Oil India Limited.

This report is under consideration of Government in consultation with various implementing agencies such as ONGC, OIL, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons and Oil Industry Safety Directorate.

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